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PRODUCTION OF RICE
PUTTASWAMY GOWDA;RUDRAGOUDA PATIL

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of rice in the country for the last three years particularly in the States of Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Punjab;

(b) whether there is steady increase in the production of rice;

(c) if so, whether there are no takers for this rice including Food Corporation of India;

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government for the procurement of rice in the above States;

(e) whether some States are advising the farmers to switch over to other crops as there is no support price for rice; and

(f) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a)&(b): The following statement shows the total production of rice in the country as also in the States of Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh & Punjab for the last three years.

States	Total Production (Million tonnes)		
	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Karnataka	3.21	3.21	3.60
Andhra Pradesh	10.69	8.51	11.43
Punjab	7.33	7.90	7.94
All India	81.73	82.54	86.00

(c)to(f): There has been a record procurement of rice in the recent years. The total procurement of rice during 1999-2000 was of the order of 18.21 million tonnes as against 12.53 million tonnes in 1998-99. As in the past, during the current year also the support price for rice has been fixed and the procurement so far has reached the level of 8.06 million tonnes as against 6.90 million tonnes during the corresponding period last year.